

Miscellaneous Editorial Paragraphs

(ARE THESE THINGS SO?)

Conduct is a child of faith.

The same opportunity *may* come to a person the second time.

No hypocrite ever did or ever can pray in absolute secret.

The Christian employer may know and ought to know who of his employes are Christians.

Of the 6510 Protestant Episcopal churches in the United States, 4750 are reported to make no contribution to missions. The Brethren church can show a much better record than that.

God is a refuge in every time of peril and temptation, but a refuge is of no use to the man who is outside of its walls. God is a refuge to those only who abide in his love and under the shadow of his wing.

Of all the hindrances to the rapid growth of the kingdom of God we give it as our own experience [and observation, and the experience of thousands of others that there is no other hindrance so great as that of intemperance.

In that one particular no young man ever makes a mistake who refuses absolutely to ever touch or taste strong drink, and he may save himself from hundreds of other and very serious mistakes. In the face of the awful record of the liquor traffic the young man who trifles with it either lacks in intelligence or in common sense or in both.

Is it right, is it Christian, is it according to the gospel, that a man professing to be a Christian should spend twenty times as much on his family annually as he spends for the work of the Lord, and then complain when money is to be raised for the prosecution of the work of the Lord. There are men in the church, in the Brethren church, who do this. Probably Dr. Deems, pastor of the Church of the Strangers, was right when he said, "There probably never would be, in any Christian church on earth, another solicitation for any object, from this to the judgment day, if every baptized Christian would do his duty in relation to money." Then it would be a question, not of how to get money to carry on the Lord's work, but how shall we best use this money for the Lord.

The influence of mother is not only a mighty factor in the formation of her boy's character, but the memory of a mother's counsel has kept thousands of young men in the right path in the years when far away from home restraints. One who had been all his life on the sea said, "When I was leaving home as a lad to go away to sea, my mother walked with me down to the gate, and her parting words were, 'They tell me that the great temptation on shipboard is drink. Promise me that you will never touch it, and I will be content.' I gave the promise, there by the garden gate. I have sailed on all seas, I have been tempted a thousand times to taste the cup of strong drink; but I have never yielded. With every offer of the glass my mother's sweet face, as I saw it last by the gate, has come before me, and

her appealing, trusting eyes have looked into mine, and I have remembered my promise, and kept it." Here is a lesson for both mothers and boys. Is that the counsel you give your boys; and are all young men as loyal to mother's counsel as this young man? Think on these things.

Some British libraries efface the racing and betting news from papers on file in the reading rooms. It is declared that the presence of such news is an intolerable nuisance. Loafers resort to the public reading rooms in large numbers and monopolize the newspapers to such an extent that ordinary readers are crowded out. Since this class of news has been blacked out the street corner men have ceased to throng the public reading rooms, and the real searchers after knowledge have the rooms to themselves. Would it not be a good idea to leave that class of news out of the paper altogether? If the racing and the betting and the gambling news were barred from the daily papers for one year the public would not be any the worse off so far as the sum total of useful knowledge is concerned. Such news could easily be dispensed with without any danger of impoverishing the human mind because of any lack of profitable reading matter.

On Christmas day, Abraham Danrouge, a Syrian, master of half a dozen languages, and once the personal representative of the Turkish Ambassador, was made the recipient of Governor Nash's pardon. While in Cincinnati he sold two or three rented typewriters, and was sent to the penitentiary for three years. When pardoned he had yet one year to serve. That was a Christmas gift which the recipient no doubt greatly appreciated, yet every sinner in this land may be made at any time the recipient of a much greater gift by compliance with a few simple conditions. The Lord Jesus offers the gift of pardon, salvation and the Holy Spirit on the condition of faith, repentance and baptism. It may not be quite as easy as to walk out of the cell at the opening of the prison doors, but the gift is worth infinitely more, for it is life eternal that is offered on these conditions.

In all the Old Testament there is probably not found a more beautiful character than that of Daniel. He is a splendid example for all young men, especially those who leave loving homes and go out into the world away from parental influences and restraints. Daniel was the same in Babylon as in Jerusalem. To him change of location and environments made no change in the principle of right and wrong. What was wrong in the holy city, under the shadow of the temple and in the sacredness of the saintly home, could by no sophistical metamorphose be made right in heathen Babylon. That is the principle which should govern the lives of all young men. That which is wrong in your home, in the presence and under the influence of a father and mother is equally wrong in the great city a thousand miles away from that home. Do not for a moment be deceived by that false philosophy that vice is less deadly and less sure to end in death away from a mother's loving eyes and the voice of the father's prayers and counsel than it is right under the shadow of the home. The low theater, the saloon, the gambling hall, the card party and the dance, *these will do the young man more harm away from home than at home.*